TOWN OF COLCHESTER NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — APRIL 25, 2012 NOTICE OF REFERENDUM — MAY 8, 2012

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Colchester, Connecticut, will be held at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, in the Town of Colchester, Connecticut, on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 immediately following Annual Town Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To consider a resolution,

- (a) to appropriate \$3,275,000 for costs related to improvements to various Town roads including road reconstruction, pavement enhancement, surface treatment, and related work and improvements, substantially as described in the document entitled "Town of Colchester, CT, Fiscal Year 2013 Ten-Year Road Improvement Program, as Approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 19, 2012," a copy of which has been placed on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and improvements to such other roads as may be determined time-to-time by the Board of Selectmen. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, land and easement acquisition, landscaping, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing;
- (b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$3,275,000; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town to determine, the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other particulars of the bonds or notes:
- (c) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$3,275,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes;
- (d) to declare under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 the Town's official intent that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the project; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;
- (e) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms

as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes; and

(f) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take any other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

2. To consider a resolution,

- (a) to appropriate \$1,200,000 for costs related to the refurbishment of a heavy rescue vehicle owned by the Town, and the acquisition of a fire suppression engine tank (1,000 gallon water capacity, with single stage 2,000 gallon per minute pump). The appropriation may be spent for acquisition and delivery costs, related equipment, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Board of Selectmen may reduce or modify the scope of the project and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified;
- (b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town to determine, the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other particulars of the bonds or notes;
- (c) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes;
- (d) to declare under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 the Town's official intent that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the project; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;
- (e) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes; and

(f) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take any other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

3. To consider a resolution,

- to appropriate \$615,000 for costs related to the acquisition by the Town, for the (a) purpose of supporting farmland preservation and for other municipal purposes, of a parcel of land known as 110 Prospect Hill Road in Colchester, now or formerly owned by Klaus Horst Slembek and Kathleen Goggin, and consisting of an approximately 75.59 acres, and the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto. The parcel contains a residential structure, various agricultural buildings and two active farm fields. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, surveys, testing, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. or its financing. The Town anticipates that: (1) it may receive grants to defray in part the appropriation for the project under the State of Connecticut's Community Farms Preservation Program or other programs, (2) it may dispose of a portion of the property including the residential building thereon, and (3) it may enter into a lease or other arrangement providing for the use of all or portions of the property in commercial farming operations. To the extent not defrayed from project grants or land sale proceeds, the appropriation will be funded, as to be determined by the Board of Finance, from available unencumbered general fund balance or the proceeds of borrowings;
- (b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$615,000; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants or land sale proceeds received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants or land sale proceeds are not separately to defray additional project costs; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town to determine, the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other particulars of the bonds or notes;
- (c) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$615,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and the receipt of grants for or land sale proceeds with respect to the project;
- (d) to declare under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 the Town's official intent that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the project; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes

authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;

- (e) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes;
- (f) to authorize the First Selectman to apply for and accept federal and state grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation including but not limited to grants under the State of Connecticut's Community Farms Preservation Program; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take any other actions necessary to obtain such grants or to implement such grant agreements;
- (g) to authorize the First Selectman, or any other proper officer or official of the Town, to enter into contracts or agreements and take any other actions necessary or desirable to accomplish the property acquisition contemplated by the resolution; and
- (h) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes and obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.
- 4. Pursuant to the Town Charter and to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the aforesaid resolution under items 1, 2 and 3 of this notice to vote upon voting machines on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors will vote at the following polling place: Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue in Colchester, Connecticut. The aforesaid resolutions will be placed on the voting machines under the following headings:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXPEND A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,275,000 FOR THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER FISCAL YEAR 2013 TENYEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

"SHALL THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXPEND A SUM NOT TO EXCEED

\$1,200,000 FOR REFURBISHMENT OF A HEAVY RESCUE VEHICLE AND ACQUISITION OF A FIRE SUPPRESSION ENGINE TANK, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

"SHALL THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXPEND A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$615,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 110 PROSPECT HILL ROAD IN COLCHESTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION TO THE EXTENT NOT DEFRAYED FROM PROJECT GRANTS OR LAND SALE PROCEEDS, OR GENERAL FUND BALANCE?"

Voters approving said resolutions will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolutions will vote "No." Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

Dated at Colchester, Connecticut, this	22nd	day of	March	, 2012
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